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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed November 14, 2001, Applicants submit herein a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts; a copy of an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (in three counterparts); payment of the surcharge fee (\$130.00) set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e); a Petition for a three-month extension of time and required fee (\$920.00) set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3); and a Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21402-139 (Cura-439). Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

April 2, 2002

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed November 14, 2001, transmitted herewith for filing in the present application arc the following documents:

- 1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (1 pg.);
- 2. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (1 pg.);
- 3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 counterparts, 4 pgs each, 12 pgs total);
- 4. Check # 12303 for \$130.00:
- 5. Check # 12305 for \$920.00;
- 6. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg); and
- 7. Return Postcard.

This Response is due on or before April 15, 2002 with a three-month extension of time (April 14, 2002 being a Sunday). Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21402-139; Cura-439). A duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed herewith.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- . The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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